

MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) Central government is implementing a number of schemes for the development of handloom sector throughout the country, including Tamilnadu. Financial assistance under these schemes which are of a continuing nature is provided to all States on the basis of proposals received

from concerned State Governments every year. Proposals from individual handloom weavers are not entertained.

(b) The scheme wise details of financial assistance released to Government of Tamil Nadu during 1990-91 are as under:-

Name of Scheme

*Amount released
(Rs. in lakhs)]*

Plan

1)	Modernisation of handlooms	:	44.00
2)	Workshed-cum-Housing Scheme	:	20.00
3)	Thrift Fund Scheme	:	63.22

Non-Plan

4)	Market Development Assistance Scheme	:	2979.10
5)	Janata Cloth Scheme	:	518.32

Total	:	3624.64
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(c) and (d). The recent increase in yarn prices has adversely affected the marketability of handloom products thereby reducing the earning of weavers. Government is constantly reviewing the price situation. The State sector and Co-operative sector spinning mills have been directed to augment production of crucial counts of yarn and exercise restraint in prices. The spinning mills in the private sector have also been persuaded to supply yarn to handloom weavers at moderately reduced prices.

SHRI TARA CHAND KHAN-
DELWAL:
SHRI NAWAL KISHORE RAI:
SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT:
SHRI RAJNATH SONKAR
SHASTRI:
SHRI ARJUN SINGH YADAV:
SHRI PIUS TIRKEY:
SHRI MAHESH KANODIA:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

Private Buses on DTC Routes Running without STA Permits

(a) whether over 600 private buses in Delhi are plying without permits as a result of Which D.T.C. running in losses;

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SHRI MUMTAJ ANSARI:

(b) if so, the details thereof and the

action taken to remove these buses immediately;

(c) whether some quota has been fixed for allotment of STA permits under the new scheme envisaged to introduce 3000 buses in Delhi;

(d) if so, the details thereof quoting the section of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 under which quota has been fixed; and

(e) if there is no such provision in the Act, the reasons for earmarking quota and the steps taken to scrap the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b). Some instances of private buses operating without permit have been brought to the notice of the Government. The Delhi Administration has been instructed to take necessary action in this.

(c) and (d). The grant of permits will be in accordance with the provisions of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988. As per Section 71, Sub-Section (3) (b) reservations will be made for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in the same ratio as in the case of appointments made by direct recruitment to Public Services in State. Other conditions being equal, preference shall be given to the applications for permits from.

- (i) State Transport Undertakings
- (ii) Co-operative Societies and
- (iii) Ex-Servicemen

•The extracts of the relevant provisions are enclosed as Statement.

(e) Does not arise.

STATEMENT

Extracts from Motor Vehicles Act, 1988

71. Procedure of Regional Transport Authority in considering application for stage carriage permit.

- (1) A regional Transport Authority shall, while considering an application for a stage carriage permit, have regard to the objects of this Act:

Provided that such permit for a route of fifty kilometres or less shall be granted only to an individual or a State transport undertaking;

- (2) A regional Transport Authority shall refuse to grant a stage carriage permit if it appears from any time-table furnished that the provisions of this Act relating to the speed at which vehicles may be driven are likely to be contravened:

Provided that before such refusal an opportunity shall be given to the applicant to amend the time-table so as to conform to the said provisions.

- (3) (a) The State Government shall, if so directed by the Central Government having regard to the number of vehicles, road conditions and other relevant matters, by notification in the official Gazette, direct a State transport Authority and a Regional Transport Authority to limit the number of stage carriages generally or of any speci-

fied type, as may be fixed and specified in the notification, operating on city routes in towns with a population of not less than five lakhs.

- (b) Where the number of stage carriage are fixed under clause (a), the Government of the State shall reserve in the State certain percentage of stage carriage permits for the scheduled castes and the scheduled tribes in the same ratio as in the case of appointments made by direct recruitment to public services in the State.

- (c) Where the number of stage carriages are fixed under clause (a), the Regional Transport Authority shall reserve such number of permits for the scheduled castes and the scheduled tribes as may be fixed by the State Government under sub-clause (b).

- (d) After reserving such number of permits as is referred to in clause (c), the Regional Transport Authority shall in considering an application have regard to the following matters, namely:-

- (i) Financial stability of the applicant;
- (ii) satisfactory performance as a stage carriage operator includ-

ing payment of tax if the applicant is or has been an operator of stage carriage service; and

- (iii) such other matters as may be prescribed by the State Government:

Provided that, other conditions being equal, preference shall be given to applications for permits from

- (i) State transport undertakings;
- (ii) co-operative societies registered or deemed to have been registered under any enactment for time being in force; or
- (iii) ex-servicemen.

- (4) A Regional Transport Authority shall not grant more than five stage carriage permits to any individual or more than ten stage carriage permits to any company (not being a State Transport Undertaking).

- (5) In computing the number of permits to be granted under sub-section (4), the permits held by an applicant in the name of any other person and the permits held by any company of which such applicant is a director shall also be taken into account.

Explanation:- For the purpose of this section "company" means any body corporate, and includes a firm or

other association of individuals; and "director", in relation to a firm, means a partner in the firm.

Exports to USA

763. SHRI AJOY MUKHOPADHYAY:
Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the liberalisation of policies has helped the country to increase its exports to USA;

(b) if not the reasons therefor; and

(c) the item-wise value of exports made

to USA during 1991-92?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b). According to DGCI&S, Calcutta there was an increase in our export to USA. During April-November (1991-92) exports were \$ 1852.97 million as against \$ 1772.21 million during the corresponding period in 1990-91. The export performance does not reflect the full potential of liberalisation policies on account of a recession in USA and the effect of domestic import curbs on industrial production in India.

(c) A Statement is attached.

STATEMENT

Exports to USA from India

(Value in \$ million)

<i>S.No.</i>	<i>Commodity</i>	<i>April-November '91</i>
<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>
	Total exports	1852.97
1.	Tea	4.56
2.	Coffee	6.38
3.	Rice	5.69
4.	Tobacco Unmanufactured	1.76
5.	Tobacco manufactured	0.44
6.	Spices	15.11
7.	Cashew	64.07
8.	Sesame and Niger seeds	7.16
9.	Oil meals	0.23